
Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents Support Systems

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Which counties will be considered “high risk” as identified in the [2011 Pregnant and Parenting Adolescent Support Services Needs Assessment](#)?

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| 1. Decatur | 11. Vigo |
| 2. Know | 12. Dearborn |
| 3. Lake | 13. Putnam |
| 4. Montgomery | 14. Fayette |
| 5. La Porte | 15. Lawrence |
| 6. Fountain | 16. Clay |
| 7. Grant | 17. Marion |
| 8. Newton | 18. Jennings |
| 9. Vanderburgh | 19. Allen |
| 10. Scott | 20. Starke |

2. Will an additional evaluation weight be assigned to those applicants who are proposing to serve identified “high risk” counties?

Those applicants that serve one or more of the top 20 counties identified in the [2011 Pregnant and Parenting Adolescent Support Services Needs Assessment](#) will be assigned additional evaluation weight.

3. How much additional weight will be assigned to those applicants who are proposing to serve “high risk” counties?

Within the scoring tool the "Target Priority Population" section is worth a maximum of 10 points. The criteria Schedule adjustments for this area include serving a high-risk county and serving a high-risk population. Applicants that serve a high-risk county will

automatically receive 5 points in evaluation weight. Applicants can then earn an additional 5 points for a detailed description of how populations identified as high risk within the MCH Needs Assessment will be served.

4. Can my application still be considered for funding if I am not proposing to serve “high risk” counties?

Applicants will be considered compliant with eligibility requirements even if the proposed area to be served with requested PPASS grant funds is **NOT** included in the top 20 high-risk counties as identified within the MCH Needs Assessment. Regardless of whether participants to be served are primarily residents of or seeking services within the high-risk counties as identified by the MCH Needs Assessment, applicants must describe adequately the need for serving populations in each chosen community. Finally, please note that only applications purposing to serve pregnant and parenting adolescents within the high-risk counties as identified by the MCH Needs Assessment will receive additional weight in the scoring process.

5. Can an applicant agency or organization use funds to supplement an existing program and can funds be used to serve teens that are already being served with preexisting funds?

The applicant agency is able to request Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents Support Services (PPASS) grant funds to achieve the four required PPASS Priority Areas as well as the Additional PPASS Priority Areas.

Should the applicant’s request for funds be utilized to supplement existing programs, the applicant agency must ensure that PPASS grant funding is neither co-mingled, nor supplanting existing federal or federal pass-through funds. That is, for example, if the applicant agency chooses to supplement an existing federally-funded program, such as “Program X”, the applicant agency will be responsible for ensuring that “Program X” funding is accounted for separately than PPASS funds. The applicant agency and its partners are able to use the PPASS funds to serve the same teens that are enrolled in “Program X”; however, it is strongly encouraged that applicants request PPASS funds to add additional components to the services already provided through currently funded programs.

For example, if you are already providing services “to increase healthy birth outcomes,” then PPASS funds should be used to add program components that will address the other three required priority areas (i.e. decreasing repeat pregnancies, decreasing high school dropout rates, building infrastructure) and at least one of the additional priority areas.

6. How much money can my agency/organization apply for to meet the objectives?

Applicants should describe thoroughly the scope of the proposed project and justify the size of the budget request for each category of allowable services, for a total of no more than \$600,000 per fiscal year.

